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Plebiscite Results

Fifty-seven churches in the Northern California Congregational Conference ordered peace plebiscite ballots. Of this number, forty-six have sent in reports, but two reported incorrectly so that at the time of going to press the totals from forty-four churches are as follows:

Those who are willing to bear arms or otherwise support: Any war which the United States may declare, 253; Any war declared by the U. S. against an internationally recognized aggressor, 122; Only a war declared after making utmost use of every agency for peace, 1301; Only a war in which U. S. territory has been invaded, 1327. Those who are unwilling to bear arms in any war, 496.

Under Section B, the results are as follows:

In the meantime those who will work for peace by advocating for our country: 1. Membership in the League of Nations— Yes 1677, No 1727; 2. Consultation with other nations in support of the Kellogg Pact and other peace agreements—Yes 2880, No 379; 3. National isolation through strict neutrality legislation—Yes 1673, No 1248; 4. More equal distribution of world resources and markets—Yes 2579, No 350; 5. A larger army, navy and air force—Yes 1450, No 1739; 6. Abolition of compulsory military training—Yes 2104, No. 1210; 7. Government control of the munitions industry—Yes 3349, No 194.

NEW HAND BOOK READY

The new Congregational Handbook for 1936 is now available for distribution. It is priced at 5 cents per copy, or 4 cents each when ten or more are ordered, and at $3 per hundred, postpaid. They can be secured through the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building. In the 1936 edition there is a brief statement of the duties of the officers; also a fine discussion of the relationship between the church and its minister.

The Scriptural selections for the year's guide to the reading of the Bible, and the captions for the same, are the joint work of the Misses Everett of First Church, Berkeley, and Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor.

There is a list of the churches showing 100 or more accessions during the year. Incidentally, First Church, San Francisco; Free Cross Church, Fresno, and First Church, Oakland, place in this list. There is the usual historical data and a directory of the national organizations and state conferences. Many ministers place a copy in each family; others leave a number in the vestibule with the request that members of the congregation deposit five cents for each copy taken.

MODERATOR YOAKUM

Old-timers in our Conference will remember Rev. Guy D. Yoakum, who was pastor of the Park Congregational Church of Berkeley about twenty-two years ago. The last issue of "Wisconsin Congregational Church Life" carries the picture of Mr. Yoakum on the front page. He is now pastor at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., and was elected moderator of the Wisconsin Conference at its last meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO GATHER

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE OF THE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

A Conference Of, For, and By Young People

Theme: "Christian Youth—So What?"

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 3, 4, and 5, at Plymouth Church, Oakland

Bob Nelson, General Youth Chairman

Fred Morrow, Director

Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Registrar

This conference, the first under the new Pilgrim Fellowship set-up, will feature an educational emphasis, inspiringly presented, with an opportunity for the young people of our Fellowship to talk together in their own groups, in their own way, about their own problems.

Outstanding leaders, youth-chosen for their satisfying answers to modern questions, will present helpful talks and act as resource associates in youth-led seminars. The program will aim to supply worship, inspiration, practical program help, discussion, fellowship and recreation.

THE AIM is to discover the implications of being young Christians in the present day, with attention to the interdenominational Christian Youth movement, especially those elements that have to do with areas nearer at hand—the home, the church, and the community. In this setting we shall seek to place ourselves as Christian individuals.

Registration fee, 75c (50c if sent in by Christmas to Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland). Overnight entertainment, including breakfast, will be furnished in East Bay Congregational homes.

Members of the faculty already definitely aligned are:

Rev. O. W. S. McCall, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, author of "The Stringing of the Bow," and other volumes especially attractive to young people, and a favorite speaker before all ages.

Rev. Dillon Wesley Throckmorton, pastor of Grace United Church, San Francisco, Counsellor of Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship.

Rev. Williston Wirt, Director of Young People's Work at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, and favorite in recreational leadership.

Rev. T. T. Giffen, pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland, well-known to all our young people.

Mr. Arthur Casaday, Chapman College, Los Angeles, former student at Pacific School of Religion, and highly regarded by California youth.

PROGRAM

Friday, January 3

5:00 to 6:00—Registration.
6:00—Dinner.
7:15—Opening Address by Rev. O. W. S. McCall.
8:15—Exploration Sessions, conducted by older youth leaders.
9:20 to 10:30—Planned Recreation. Games you can take home.

Saturday, January 4

7:30—Breakfast for Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet.
9:00—Worship Program and Address by Mr. Art Casaday: "Building a New Church in Our Own Church."
10:00—Seminars based on problems suggested by youth.
11:30—Free Time.
12:15—Lunch.
1:30—Address by Rev. Dillon Wesley Throckmorton: "Building a New Community in Our Own Community."
2:00—Seminar sessions continued.
3:30—Free Time. Tours to East Bay points.
6:00—Pilgrim Fellowship Rally Dinner.
7:30—Address: "Building a New Home."
8:30 to 10:30—Party for all delegates, Plymouth Center.

Sunday, January 5

9:30—Final Seminar Reports and Discussions.
11:00—Church Service, delegates guests of Plymouth Church and Rev. T. T. Giffen, Pastor.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Cooperation with other youth agencies surrounding the campus of the University is one of the established policies of Plymouth House. Congregational students are represented on the Junior Co-ordinating Council of civic character-building groups, on the newly-formed Inter-Faith Council combining Jewish and Catholic with Protestant students, and on the student Inter-Church Council which unites Protestant church organizations.

In November Plymouth House young people played host to some four hundred members of various Christian organizations in a mass meeting sponsored by the Inter-Church Council, at which Sherwood Eddy spoke. A joint meeting was held in October with the Wesley Foundation. Dr. L. B. Hillis, Presbyterian University Pastor, was a speaker at one of the recent Sunday evening forums. Plymouth House leaders believe that a strong organization is made stronger by wide sympathy and fellow-action.

By the beginning of the New Year, an attractive program of deputations will be available for churches within travelling distance of Berkeley. The effort will be to represent the best in student experience and thought, with a view to a mutually helpful interchange between churches and students. The young people will be especially appealed to by these programs, which will include recreational elements as well as music and the spoken presentations. Pastors who are interested may obtain details from the Conference's director of Student work, the Rev. Fred Morrow, Plymouth House, Berkeley.

E. Clarence Oakley

The death of Mr. Oakley occurred at his home in Palo Alto in the early morning of November 22, from a sudden heart attack of which there had been some previous warning. His funeral was conducted by Rev. W. B. Thorp, his pastor and intimate friend, and was attended by many of our ministers. His age was 81.

A graduate of Michigan University and Yale Divinity School, he was ordained in 1881, and shortly thereafter was married and came to this coast. His first tour of service here covered ten years, with pastorates in Tacoma, San Bernardino, and the original Plymouth Church of Oakland, where members of the Seminary faculty were in his congregation. In 1893 he returned east for pastorates in Michigan and in London, Ontario. He came back to the coast in 1904, and after short pastorates in Eugene and Oregon City he established himself in the Bay region, serving at Mill Valley and at Niles until his retirement in 1924. He was the last editor of The Pacific before that paper was reduced to its present form. For the past ten years he has lived in Palo Alto, where he was a beloved member of the Prunes Club of ministers, and a familiar figure in the Stanford library. He is survived by his wife and by two sons.

Mr. Oakley was known as one of the most scholarly of our ministers, a man of independent thought and outspoken utterance. In religion he was a liberal, in politics a staunch conservative. He was a man's man, exacting in his standards, summary in his judgments, caustic in his wit. Behind his somewhat austere bearing was a genial humor and a warmth of kindness to those who found their way to his heart. The pastorates of such a man were naturally short, but when he left town persons of discernment knew that a real man and a true Christian had pitched his tent for a few brief years among them. Men like Clarence Oakley represent the highest standards of our ministry.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Pacific School of Religion has announced that the Pastoral Conference for the current year will be held Tuesday to Thursday, January 21 to 23, inclusive. The Earl lecturer will be Dr. Arthur H. Compton, in charge of the Ryerson Laboratories of the University of Chicago. Dr. Compton was the Nobel prize winner in physics some two or three years ago. The first of the Earl lectures will be given Monday night, January 20, the evening before the Conference begins. Dr. Compton will also give one address at a day session. Another speaker of note is Dr. Joseph A. Vance, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. On Wednesday noon, Congregational pastors will assemble for their annual luncheon meeting. Overnight entertainment will be provided for out-of-town visitors.

Remember!

It is almost here—the end of the year! Benevolence remittances are due. Books will be held open a few days. Remittances postmarked January 10 will be credited to 1935.

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KAGAWA COMING

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan, noted pacifist and Christian socialist, will arrive in San Francisco Wednesday, December 18, on the Chichibu Maru of the NYK line. He will appear at 6:00 p. m. at the Interdenominational dinner for 350 people in the First Baptist Church at 21st and Telegraph, Oakland, arranged by the Oakland Church Federation. Tickets may be secured in advance at 40 cents from Lawton D. Harris, the Federation secretary, care of the Oakland Y. M. C. A. Dr. Kagawa's address will be at 8:00 p. m. It is hoped that most of the Oakland churches will give up their regular midweek meetings to extend a welcome to him, as voted at the pastors' meeting November 17. An attendance of 1500 is expected.

Next morning at 9:00 o'clock he plans to fly from the Oakland airport to Los Angeles, taking a plane the same night after his Los Angeles engagement in the First Methodist Church for Phoenix, Arizona. He is accompanied, as on his visit four years ago, by his secretary, Rev. T. Ogawa. It was expected that Kagawa would return to the Coast on his way back to Japan, but he has changed his plans, so that he will sail from New York instead of San Francisco and consequently will probably not speak in California again on this trip.

ORDINATION AT COTATI

A special meeting of the Redwood Empire Association was held on Wednesday, November 13, at the call of the Cotati church. Mr. Milton G. Gabrielson, who has been pastor of the church for three years, presented credentials showing his graduation from the Fresno State College and from the Pacific School of Religion, and also the satisfactory examination by the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing. Mr. Gabrielson gave a paper covering his religious experience and his beliefs, which revealed not only a mind well trained but a heart deeply devoted to the cause of Christ. The Association unanimously voted to ordain.

At the evening service the sermon was preached by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, the ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. F. E. Boren, the charge to the pastor was given by Prof. J. W. Buckham, the charge to the people by Rev. T. T. Giffen, the right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. George E. Atkinson, Rev. C. C. Champlin read the Scripture and served as scribe for the meeting, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell was moderator, and Prof. George T. Tolson presided at the evening session.

The women of the Cotati church served a delicious turkey dinner, which was enjoyed not only by members of the Association but by a large group of local people.

"STRENGTHEN THE THING THAT REMAINS"

By Rev. Milton G. Gabrielson

A storm has swept the earth. We have been forced to discard many long accepted ideas. Millions of people have been forced to change their mode of living. People who find themselves today amidst the conflicting elements of a troubled world are sure of the fact that the storm has been universally devastating. As a consequence even sincere people are asking, "What remains?"

It may be true that many people have much less to live on today than they had several years ago, but it is certainly true that we have just as much as ever to live for. The real values of life are unshaken.

The world with its majesty, wonder and beauty still remains. And our capacity for appreciating, understanding, and enjoying this world is still intact. Every landscape and sunset splendor is ours if we want it. And because some temporary material things are gone we are in a much better position to enjoy that which remains.

Our country remains. It is not perfect, but it is as good as we have made it. In the face of glaring wrongs we can still say this is a very good country in which to live. Upon all of us rests the sacred obligation of making it better.

Our real friends remain. The storm has proven to us that fair-weather friends can never stand the tempest. It has also shown us that friendship is a matter of the heart and not the pocketbook. Let us thank God that real friends cannot be bought. We must earn them.

The Friend of friends remains with us. It is a joyful experience to be able to sing "What a friend we have in Jesus." The Christ is standing today just outside the door to many of our lives saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

God remains. He may look different to some of us today. We may wonder about His ways and question His kindly providence. But He is still a loving Presence and our unseen Guest.

Prayer remains. No one can keep us from talking with God. More precious today to millions is that privilege than ever before.

The Word of God remains. No storm, nor fire, nor panic can take it out of a man's heart. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but the word of the Lord endureth forever."

The church remains. It has on it some of the marks of the storm, but it still remains, for it was built upon a foundation of rock. 'On this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

Faith and hope remain. As long as we believe in God no power can take them away from us. Faith in the enduring things of life. Hope of a better day to come.

Bereft of dividends and profits—what remains? The sustaining powers of a religious faith remain. The abiding values of courage, honor, charity, hope, and love remain. Therefore let our hearts rejoice and be glad. Let our voices be raised with that of the Psalmist of old, who said, "Oh, give thanks unto Jehovah; for He is good and His mercy endureth forever."

Doshisha and Miss Denton

The Conference office is in receipt of a special section of the Japan Advertiser, published at Tokyo, and dated Sunday, November 3. This section is devoted very largely to Doshisha University. This great educational institution, of which Congregationalism is so proud, is celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of its founding, and is launching a campaign for a two million yen additional endowment. Pictures of officials, faculty members, classes and buildings are included.

A glowing tribute is paid to our own Dr. Mary Florence Denton, who has spent nearly fifty years in Japan and is regarded as the most widely-known foreign woman in the empire. It is planned to perpetuate her work by erecting Denton Hall, which in addition to providing an apartment for her, will hold offices for the Women's Alumnæ Association, a hostel for visitors, and a meeting place for friends of the school.

WEST BAY RALLY AT SAN JOSE

At the second meeting of the West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship held November 15 at San Jose, nine churches sent a total of 130 people. Among them was Campbell, whose initial representation totaled 29. Other groups came from Redwood City, San Carlos, San Francisco, San Mateo, San Jose, Santa Cruz, and Woodside. This was an "all-youth" rally, the three speakers being young people. The San Jose group assumed responsibility for planning a program of recreation as well as the dinner.

Rev. and Mrs. James H. Price of the Garvanza Church in Los Angeles, well known in our Conference, are the happy parents of Charles Edwin, a new little baby boy. Many friends bid him welcome.

To Brighten Their Days

One of the joyous facts in our fellowship has been the response to the Christmas Fund of the Board of Ministerial Relief. When launched thirty years ago, it gave our church people a means, direct, definite, and economical of alleviating distress and remembering with gratitude the faithful service of our aged ministers.

More than six thousand donors sent their checks, some of whom have done so for ten, fifteen, and even twenty-five years. The fund has averaged more than $65,000 during the last four years.

On the rolls of the National and State boards of relief are nearly eight hundred families who must not be forgotten this Christmas. Last year checks were sent to 99 families not on the regular roll, where grave illness or unemployment had brought distress. These checks provide fuel, winter blankets, warm clothing, and shoes and overcoats; they replace worn out stoves, pay accumulated bills, and cheer the hearts of those anxious.

Gifts for the Christmas Fund may be sent directly to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, or to the Northern California Congregational Conference, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

An elderly Mohammedan came to the home of Rev. Joseph L. Moulton, Rahuri, India, and gave him five rupees for Christian work in the villages. Mr. Moulton, who had given a helping hand to a son of the donor some time past, was astonished at the gift. "How is this? Aren't you a Mohammedan?" he exclaimed. The old man smiled. "Don't say Mohammedan," he replied, "say 'friend'," and pressed the money into Mr. Moulton's hand.

ONE MONTH MORE

Pastors and treasurers are reminded that at the end of the year, books are held open for ten days. Remittances which are postmarked on or before January 10 will be credited on the 1935 apportionment.

November brought in about $300 less than did November a year ago, so that the total for eleven months falls below that of last year by about $600. When the Special Deficit Fund, which was raised this year and to which there was no comparable fund last year, is deducted, it means a shortage of about $1400 compared to 1934. It will take earnest effort between now and January 10 to reach the goals adopted and the level of last year's giving.

	November 1935	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30,'35	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30,'34
Adin	$	$ 89.00	$ 108.11
Alameda	194.66	339.97	309.16
Alturas	....	18.93	24.30
Angels Camp	33.34	80.40	45.00
Antioch	....	27.86	30.36
Auburn	....	50.00	29.79
Benicia	....	24.00	27.00
Berkeley, First	583.34	5,706.01	6,385.00
North	....	525.00	543.00
Park	....	60.03	68.87
Campbell	....	192.00	240.00
Ceres	....	....	52.31
Cloverdale	4.00	75.28	52.76
Cotati	....	39.86	49.84
Crockett	....	59.03	98.92
Eureka	27.00	256.90	203.00
Fairfax	....	15.00	90.00
Ferndale	....	190.38	212.80
Fowler	....	....	10.00
Fresno, First	51.33	557.80	599.54
Pilgrim	....	82.90	109.25
Zion	....	....	25.00
Glen Ellen	....	....	1.00
Grass Valley	....	10.00	....
Hayward	....	112.50	....
Kenwood	....	56.66	27.65
Likely	....	5.00	1.32
Lockeford	....	7.00	....
Lodi, First	150.00	602.00	460.00
Loomis	13.25	50.56	....
Martinez	30.00	187.21	32.50
Murphy	....	40.00	40.00
Niles	....	22.20	....
Oakland,			
Calvary	....	....	10.00
First	29.71	3,331.18	4,575.75
Fruitvale	....	11.50	11.00
Pilgrim	....	3.50	5.00
Plymouth	60.00	585.00	610.75
Oroville	40.00	145.00	175.00
Pacific Grove	38.16	381.07	371.41
Palo Alto	200.00	600.00	611.00
Paradise	34.00	201.00	93.00
Petaluma	65.29	512.80	589.07
Pittsburg	....	44.84	52.58
Port Chicago	....	2.35	....
Porterville	....	17.00	29.50
Redwood City	....	250.00	275.00
Reedley Finnish	....	25.00	23.00
Rio Vista	20.00	20.00	....
Ripon	30.00	77.50	62.50
Sacramento	132.90	575.15	477.50
Salida	....	50.00	20.00
San Carlos	....	15.00	35.00
San Francisco,			
B'th'y-Mis.Pk.	3.00	275.67	332.92
First	175.46	1,308.65	809.70
Ocean View	2.40	26.32	34.05
Richmond	....	4.00	21.50
San Jose	80.00	641.80	690.00
San Leandro	18.55	86.28	158.93
San Mateo	....	....	10.00
San Rafael	....	15.06	31.50
Santa Cruz	144.09	684.09	570.00
Santa Rosa	....	198.86	163.49
Saratoga	....	160.00	425.00
Sebastopol	9.90	224.15	186.33
Sonoma	....	71.25	37.15
Soquel	7.00	54.00	43.00
Stockton	79.13	499.42	608.50
Suisun	....	45.00	47.00
Sunnyvale	7.05	12.75	6.50
Sunol	....	....	30.00
Tulare	....	165.00	270.00
Weaverville	....	46.00	83.77
Woodside	....	....	36.50
Reno, Nevada	45.00	347.09	267.46
Special Deficit Fund	....	825.05	....
Miscellaneous	....	441.79	347.35
	$2,308.56	$22,463.60	$23,114.19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3-5—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

January 16-17—Annual Meeting Federation of Congregational Women, North Church, Berkeley.

January 20-23—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The bulletin of this church issues this ringing challenge: "No one needs to apologize for giving or asking money for the support of Plymouth's program. The program includes Sunday services of worship, pastoral service of a large parish, three Sunday evening young people's societies, an overflowing Boy Scout organization, a Cub Pack, Brownie Pack, Girl Scout Troop overflowing beyond its proper limits, Men's Club, Women's League of nine circles, chorus choir, adult forum, Sunday school of 390 children, young men's athletic group. The work for young people is increasing rather than diminishing."

In order to avoid a deficit at the close of the year, 100 men are being asked to pay $5.00 for the privilege of enjoying a dinner and an excellent program on December 10. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, will interview the Honorable Chester Rowell on "Affairs in the State and the Nation."

FRESNO, PILGRIM. The Presbyterian Armenian Church of West New York, N. J., is negotiating with Rev. M. G. Papazian, pastor of the Pilgrim Church, to become their pastor for one year. Dr. Papazian does not desire to sever his connection entirely with the church of which he has been pastor for twenty years, or with his many friends in California, and will not accept unless the Pilgrim Church gives him a furlough of one year. The decision is to be made in the near future. All California Congregationalism will miss Dr. Papazian, even if his absence is only for a year, and will eagerly look forward to his return.

TRINITY COUNTY. A log cabin has been started on the church grounds at Weaverville. Its dimensions will be 30 by 18 feet, and it will have an open fireplace. The work will be largely donated. The bi-weekly class for the boys and girls continues at Lewiston. The parents are co-operating but lack the interest to attend services of worship themselves. The Hayfork young people's society, recently organized, is meeting regularly. The Weaverville Sunday school and church supplied six families with Thanksgiving baskets. Rev. James D. Salmon is the county pastor.

ALAMEDA. During January the Protestant churches will take a religious census of the city. A fifty-fifty visitation was carried out on one Sunday by the church, half of the people of the parish visiting the other half. Rev. Gail Cleland, pastor, recently sent a dividend check, drawn on the "First Bank of the Kingdom," paying to the order of each family of the church "one million blessings." It was an effective reminder of what people owe to the church.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. At the annual meeting, held in November, the members faced the necessity of covering an operating deficit, and subscribed about half the amount during the evening. Pledges were made for the coming year, not only of money but of service, on a special card prepared for the purpose by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Plans are under way for an adult Sunday school class. There has been an increased enthusiasm in the Senior Forum group, which is studying comparative religions. Mr. Wilfred I. Orr is the director.

BERKELEY NORTH. The Men's Forum has just completed a seven-weeks' series of meetings. It was voted to begin another series the first of February. The Forum has no officers save a secretary, and the meetings have been in the hands of committees. The following are the speakers and subjects that have been heard and discussed: Noel H. Jacks on "Experiences in Early California"; J. G. Melville on "Plans, Policies and Accomplishments of the Federal Housing Act"; Dr. Vaughan MacCaughey on "Current Perplexities of the Religious Man"; Dr. E. Heinrich on "Some Schemes to Soak the Rich"; Prof. H. I. Priestley on "Ethiopia and the World Situation"; Prof. M. R. Benedict on "The Problem of Production Control in Agriculture," and Rev. Tom Watt on "The Russian Peasant as I Saw Him." Rev. Tom Watt has been asked to lead the discussion for the new series. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

ANTIOCH. As a result of a legacy left to the church by a devoted member, the debt which has been so burdensome for a number of years will probably be fully paid within the next thirty or sixty days. Right through the depression this church, which until the coming of Rev. Henry Stauffer, the present pastor, was an aided field, has kept up the installments on the debt, reducing it month by month. At the November session of the Sunday evening Forum, Professor G. A. Werner of the College of the Pacific spoke on Italy and Ethiopia. Twenty-five men served as sponsors. The church was crowded and many were turned away.

PACIFIC GROVE. November was Bible Reading Month, the members of the congregation reading the Epistle to the Philippians, and the pastor, Rev. John H. Hunter, taking it chapter by chapter for Sunday morning sermons. The annual Roll Call Supper, held the first Thursday of November, resulted in splendid fellowship and the recalling of significant achievements in the history of the church. Three new members were received at the October communion service. At the fall Rally Day, large classes in all departments were promoted.

BERKELEY, FIRST. An attractively printed letter is handed to each new member on the day in which he is received into the church, calling attention to the services which the church offers and providing a blank on which a subscription toward the support of the church can be made. A committee of laymen has done an unusually effective piece of work in this year's canvass in creating a series of pamphlets which gives spiritual significance to the whole business of church finance.

EUREKA and FERNDALE. Rev. R. D. Douglass recently exchanged pulpits with Rev. C. H. Hudson, the former speaking in Eureka on "War and Peace" and the latter giving to the Ferndale Church a report of the recent Conference in Sacramento, which, in his opinion, was the best he had ever attended.

FRESNO, ZION. The Christian Endeavor recently presented a special program on "Missions in the Cities," with talks on Jane Addams, on missionary work in California, and on city missionary work in general. Rev. J. N. Sauer is the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. In a single issue of the "Santa Cruz Sentinel" seven separate items and articles appeared regarding the activities of the church and its clubs. A winter carnival by the young people, meetings of the Branciforte and Willowbrooks groups, the Afternoon Sewing Guild, and the Evening Sewing Guild were described. Rev. H. S. Mahood had given an address at the Soroptimist Club. In addition there was a long article about the call which had been extended by the Pittsburg church to Dr. Mahood, concluding with this paragraph: "A strong wave of sentiment is developing in the city and church against Mr. Mahood's leaving. A definite decision has not been made." About 350 new members have been received into the membership of the church during the seven years of his pastorate.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. November 24th was in truth a Thanksgiving Sunday for this church. On that day the first service was held in the new church home—the property formerly owned by the Calvary Congregational Church at 36th and Grove Streets. It was a union service of the Bethany and Calvary churches, and the auditorium was filled to capacity. A joint choir furnished the music. The sermon was preached by Superintendent Harley H. Gill. Greetings were brought in person and by letter from a number of sister churches. A substantial fund has been raised for repairing and improving the property. Rev. V. H. Yessayan is the beloved pastor of this church.

NILES. Mr. Wesley Gordon, pastor, is also teacher of a class of junior boys, which has developed an interest in mineral collections. On Saturday hikes, various geographical formations are visited to discover fossils and crystals. A trip was made to Lick Observatory. The church carried out a union Armistice program, with the Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches of Centerville. The three pastors spoke on the same text, none of them knowing what the others had planned to say. Rev. Rowland B. Dodge of Palo Alto on a recent Sunday evening gave an illustrated lecture on the Hawaiian Islands.

REDWOOD CITY. The Fall Festival, which has become an annual event in the life of the church, was entirely successful. It is estimated that a thousand people were in attendance during the first day. At each of the two afternoon and two evening programs, there were attractive features of entertainment, including an amateur hour, a tiny tots' fashion parade, and special music. Approximately twenty members have been enlisted by the Pilgrim Fellowship of Youth. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton is adviser for the West Bay Fellowship.

SOQUEL. The Senior C. E. Society was in charge of the church service during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, on a recent Sunday. An annual men's dinner is a feature of the program of this church, and affords a pleasant community social event as well as bringing financial help to the church.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The evening school has been resumed with two college students teaching on a volunteer basis. The afternoon school in Chinese continues with a splendid enrollment. Mr. John G. Jee is serving as ad interim pastor and director.

SACRAMENTO. This church has hit upon an idea which has been very effective in increasing pledges for the support of the church. Under the leadership of Mr. David H. Gill, an effort has been made to secure pledges from 100 families at $1 per week, and from 100 families at 50 cents per week. Before the canvassers started out, Mr. Gill gave a model canvass interview, and the whole plan proved to be very effective in preventing people from saying "put me down for the same as last year." Up to the present time, increases in old pledges and new pledges total about $900 over last year. The church has suffered severe losses by death and removals, so these increases come at a most opportune time.

PITTSBURG. The Pittsburg Sunday school has been co-operating with other churches in Pittsburg and Antioch in a six-weeks teacher training institute, which closed November 19. More than thirty persons enrolled for the various courses. Pittsburg's acting pastor, Rev. C. I. Ford, an accredited teacher, had charge of the course in the New Testament. He found young people, in their early twenties, eagerly listening to a discussion of the Scriptures for a two-hour class period, and then continuing the discussion by asking questions for half an hour longer. The Pittsburg church is waiting with hopes and prayers that their call to the Rev. H. S. Mahood of Santa Cruz will be accepted.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On December 8 and 9 this church celebrates its 75th anniversary. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, will preach the anniversary sermon on Sunday morning. In the evening, addresses will be given by Mayor McCracken of Oakland, former president of the University of California David P. Barrows, and President Herman F. Swartz of the Pacific School of Religion. On Monday evening a pageant giving a number of episodes in the history of the church, and written by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Seeley, will be presented by a cast of 38 characters assisted by the Jubilee Choir.

PORTERVILLE. Congregations have continued to grow, reaching 150 the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Almost as many enjoyed a family pot-luck Thanksgiving dinner. A special offering by the Sunday school will provide for the cost of new hymnals. The Pilgrim Fellowship conducted an evening church service at which officers were installed, twenty-five young people taking part. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, gave the Thanksgiving address at the Rotary Club, and also at the 20-30 Club.

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THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER

MODOC VISIT

The outstanding feature of the November meeting of the Executive Committee, held in First Church, Oakland, on November 21st, was the report by Mrs. Frank J. Greene and Mrs. Harley H. Gill of their visit to the churches of Modoc County. By request, Mrs. Gill sends the following account of the visit:

"The Modoc Association was held at Alturas, Friday, November 15. A group of earnest people assembled and gave evidence of appreciating the program. Mrs. Harley H. Gill led the devotional service, and Mrs. Frank J. Greene and Mrs. Gill conducted a session for women. Rev. Benjamin Gould of San Jose gave a splendid address on 'The Purpose of the Church.' During the afternoon, Superintendent Harley H. Gill addressed the student body of the Alturas high school, and found nearly 150 enthusiastic and interested young people. A delicious dinner was served in the Community Club House to about 65 people. Mrs. F. J. Greene, in her pleasing and inspiring way, spoke on 'The Value of a Vision.' This was followed by an address by Superintendent Gill on 'Christianity Tested.'

"Mrs. Greene led meetings for women at Alturas and Likely, and, with Mrs. Gill, met with the women of Adin. Calls were made at Nubieber; and the new club house, on which improvements are still in progress, was visited. Due to uncertainty of employment there is a continual turnover of population, which makes the keeping open of a Sunday school a problem. We returned from Modoc County with a sense of personal enrichment, and with the hope that we were helpful to the splendid women there."

SECRETARIES REPORT

Social Welfare. All but eleven of the accepted quota allotments have been filled. One month remains in which to fill these.

Thank Offering. The Secretary requests that all successful Thank Offering programs or methods of ingathering be reported to her as an aid in helping others along these lines another year. Also, that all contributions be sent to the Conference office, to be received before January 10, 1936, when the books close.

Literature. The 1936 Year Book of the American Board is now available at the Conference office; also "Across the Border," the story of the American Board in Mexico by Dr. E. D. Gaylord of Southern California.

Home Field. Gifts of toys or money with which toys may be purchased for Christmas are greatly desired for the children of the migrant camps. Send any contributions to Miss Helen Perkins, 2738 Webster Street, Berkeley, before December 10.

This is the time of year to send warm clothing to the Indians of Modoc County. The income of the special Indian fund, provided by the Conference, is used mainly for outfitting the children for school and for the purchase of shoes. The women and younger children are dependent for their clothing upon gifts from the churches. New clothing need not be sent, although new stockings are greatly appreciated. Neatly mended garments of durable material can always be used. Every article sent must be absolutely clean. This is fundamentally essential, not only for the welfare of the recipient but also for the reputation of the society which sends the articles. In packing the boxes be sure to add some little trinkets suitable for Christmas gifts for the children. Send all boxes prepaid to Rev. J. K. Ballou, Alturas.

C.S.A. OBJECTIVES

No social problem is outside the interest of the Social Action Committee, so reports Mrs. J. M. Burk, secretary of Social Relations, but in order to further a more effective program the Council for Social Action has defined its present program as stressing three specific objectives. These were agreed upon by the Council last August after careful consideration of the vital issues that need immediate attention and study.

1. Keep the United States out of war by endeavoring to secure really adequate neutrality legislation at the next session of Congress.

2. Create higher standards of living, by (a) organization of labor for collective bargaining, (b) social security legislation, (c) producers' and consumers' co-operatives.

3. Safeguard our civil liberties. The Council urges our church people to join in protecting people of all races, nationalities, political affiliations, and economic philosophies against those who would deprive them of their constitutional rights—the right of free speech, free press and free assembly.

Radio Station KFRC offers a Peace program every Thursday evening at 6:30. The finest of the grand opera singers participate, and it is one of the best programs for peace that is being given anywhere.

Anyone desiring to make her opposition to war articulate may upon request have her name placed upon the mailing list of the "Public Action Committee on Legislation Affecting International Peace," 133 East 65th Street, New York, which will notify such person when, in its opinion, concerted action will be effective and, further, will give suggestions as to the type of message that would be valuable. This committee is in close touch with Washington, and is supported by various organizations opposed to war.

BOOKS FOR TILLOTSON

Through the efforts and generosity of Mrs. William Sadler of Berkeley, nearly three hundred books have been sent to President Branch of Tillotson College, Texas. These have been evaluated by a New York book firm at $230.00, and they aid substantially toward raising the rating of the school, on the basis of library equipment, from a Grade B to a Grade A institution.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held January 16 and 17 in the North Congregational Church, Berkeley. Details will appear in the next issue of The Pacific.

IN MEMORIAM

Sarah W. Stevens died November 12, 1935, age one hundred years, six months, and seventeen days, a lifelong member of the Congregational Church, mother of Everett L. Stevens and the late Rev. C. H. Stevens.

NEWS AND PLANS OF OUR CHURCHES

AUBURN. Home-coming Day was observed the last Sunday of October, the church being filled to capacity. A musical program by the Grass Valley Male Octet was enjoyed, and pledges for the budget for 1936 were presented. A program of peace education has been conducted by the Ladies' Guild, culminating in a union meeting with two other Protestant churches and the Catholic church well represented. Rev. R. N. England is the pastor.

LODI. Mr. L. T. Nutting, director of Religious Education at the Preston School of Industry at Ione, was guest of the church one Sunday evening, speaking to the Christian Endeavor Societies and to the congregation. There has been some discussion of a city-wide organization of young people's societies of all denominations. Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, the pastor, has been re-elected chairman of the Conference Committee on Religious Education.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. The Christian Endeavor Society fall festival was a decided success financially and also revealed a splendid co-operative spirit on the part of the members. At the Ladies' Aid Society Thanksgiving program, music was furnished by Russian friends and a play was presented which was written by the president. Rev. H. M. Hovagimian is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO PARK PRESIDIO. A weekly mimeographed bulletin, entitled "Flashes" is prepared by the young people. Almost every department of the church is showing increased life and activity under the leadership of Rev. E. E. Wilson, the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Although facing something of a deficit, this church has raised more than $100 for current expenses over last year. Rev. Reed B. Cherington is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. A complete reorganization of the church has been effected, with a new constitution and officers. The first missionary offering in years was taken following the showing of pictures. Rev. Ray S. Miller, the pastor, serves the Presbyterian church at Monte Rio, and is a student at the Pacific School of Religion.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr continues to secure a large number of special speakers for both morning and evening services. That the forum is meeting a real need is revealed by the congregations and the offerings. About twelve persons have been prepared for church membership.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. A steady increase in attendance at the Sunday school during October was registered. The women's society sponsored a community food show and dinner, which was attended by about four hundred persons. The young people have started a fund for next year's Asilomar delegation.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A peace play, "Mother Earth and Her Children," was presented to record congregations at both Angels Camp and Murphy. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin not only serves the two churches but ministers as a pastor in Copperopolis and other places in the county.

FAIRFAX. This church is arranging a significent service to a CCC camp of 208 boys. As many as fifty of them attend young people's meetings and church services. The pastor, Rev. C. L. Mears, has twenty-five young men in his Bible class.

HOW EUROPE DOES IT

Rev. F. L. Fagley, Associate Secretary of the General Council, recently returned from a summer spent in Europe. From a report which has been widely circulated, The Pacific is giving its readers some of his sentiments: "I came back with a feeling of more confidence in their dependence upon educational processes. In the countries I visited it was apparent that the people were being trained to analyze their problems and to think out their own conclusions. Religious training is the great function of the church and in these countries a primary function of the State. They say that in our church work our primary work is inspiration; theirs, education; and that we have put so much emphasis on inspiration that our people have become dulled to its influence.

"In their educational program, they hold quite firmly to the idea that religion is an indirect result of education. The primary duty is to train people to be honest, kindly, clean, thrifty. The formal teaching of the truths of religion follows rather than precedes the development of right attitudes and right conduct. The habit of prayer should precede the study of the dogma and doctrine of prayer. Their leaders say we try to teach religion; they seek to train their people to be religious; that we lead the world in the theory of religious training; that they are content with the practice."

BARGAINS

In the Conference office there is a considerable number of mission study books available, covering practically all of the mission fields. Most of these are M. E. M. study books, and include studies for adults' and children's classes, children's story books, plays, etc. Pacific Book Service has been granted permission to dispose of these at a fraction of their cost. If any of our readers are interested in the study of particular fields, we suggest that they write for lists of books and prices thereon, to Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

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